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#### WARNINGS Read Before Using Your Sega Dreamcast Video Game System

#### CAUTION

Anyone who uses the Dreamcast should read the operating manual for the software and console before operating them. A responsible adult should read these manuals together with any minors who will use the Dreamcast before the minor uses it.

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Thank you for purchasing Red Dog: Superior Firepower! Please note that this software is designed only for use with the Sega Dreamcast console. Be sure to read this instruction manual thoroughly before you start playing Red Dog: Superior Firepower.

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# The Story

The agreement between the Earth Council and the Haak Delegates came about, not through political or military means, but by financial measures. Three years after their mother-ship first orbited the earth the Haak were invited to the surface in peace and in the search for mutual rewards.

This agreement has been upheld for 7 years with only the occasional backlash causing small localized human / Haak conflict but the Haak have kept up their end of the bargain – until now!

We have started to lose contact with the human installations around the Haak settlements. The first three recon forces sent to investigate the disturbances were shot out of the air. The Red Dog Tactical Response Team is now preparing for war.

As commander of the Red Dog assault vehicle, your job is to rid our people of the now aggressive Haak forces currently occupying the continents of planet earth.

Good Luck – Don't dent the tank!

# Starting Up

# Sega Dreamcast Visual Memory Unit

Make sure that you insert a Sega Dreamcast Visual Memory Unit (VMU) into Expansion Slot 1 on the Sega Dreamcast Controller. If a VMU is not present your progress throughout the game will not be saved. While saving a VMU Specific Game File, never turn OFF the Sega Dreamcast power, remove the memory card or disconnect the controller or other peripheral equipment.



# Sega Dreamcast Jump Pack™

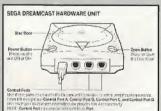
Make sure that you insert the Jump Pack (sold separately) into Expansion Slot 2 of the Controller. The Jump Pack does not lock into place when inserted into Expansion Slot 1, and may fall out during game play causing problems to the game operation.

For further details, also read the Jump Pack Instruction Manual.

To return to the title screen at any point during game play, simultaneously press and hold the A, B, X, Y and Start buttons. This will cause the Sega Dreamcast to soft-reset the software. When the Jump Pack is inserted into Expansion Socket 1 of the Sega Dreamcast Controller, the Jump Pack connects, but does not lock. If the controller is jarred, the Jump Pack may fall out during game play or otherwise inhibit game operation.

### Game Controls

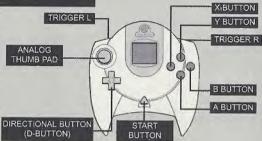
This is a game for one to four players. For a one-player game, use either Control Port A, B, C or D. For multiplayer games Player 1 will use Control Port A, Player 2 will use Control Port B, Player 3 will use Control Port C and Player 4 will use Control Port D. You can use a Controller with an inserted VMU in any of the Ports to save the game.



# Sega Dreamcast Controller

Red Dog is a 4-player game. Before turning the Sega Dreamcast power ON, connect the controller or other peripheral equipment into the control ports of the Sega Dreamcast.

To return to the title screen at any point during game play, simultaneously press and hold the A, B, X, Y and Start buttons. This will cause the Sega Dreamcast to soft-reset the software.



All of the controls described below are the default game settings and can be changed in the Options Menu.

MENU/OPTIONS		DURING GAME PLAY	
Menu Selection	Analog Thumb Pad	Aiming / Steering Control	
Menu Selection	D-Button Up/Down	Change Camera View	
ENTER	Start Button	Start / Pause	
ENTER	A Button	Fire Main Cannon	
CANCEL	B Button	Fire Sidearm Weapon	
CANCEL	X Button	Activate Shield	
N/A	Y Button	Charge up Main Cannon	
N/A	Trigger R	Forward Thrust	
N/A	Trigger L	Reverse Thrust	
Menu Selection	D-Button Left/Right	Change Game Settings	

### Aiming / Steering Control:

Use the Analog Thumb Pad to move the aiming crosshair around the screen. To steer, move the crosshair to either the left or right of the screen to turn the vehicle in the relevant direction.

### Main Cannon:

Red Dog's primary weapon is a rapid fire cannon. This has unlimited ammo and is effective against all enemy targets. This is fired by tapping the A Button.

## Main Cannon Charge-Up:

Some enemies, when killed, drop energy matter that can be collected and used to increase Red Dog's primary weapon. When this energy matter is collected the energy is stored in a reservoir. Holding the Y Button transfers this energy to the Main Cannon. But be warned, the power overload can only be sustained for a limited period of time depending on how much power is transferred.

### Lock On Missiles:

The Red Dog assault vehicle is fitted with a powerful lock on missile. To lock on to an enemy or series of enemies hold down the A Button and move the crosshair over the targets. When the A Button is released, a salvo of missiles will be launched at all the highlighted targets.

# Sidearm Weapon Pickups:

Along the way you may find sidearm pickups to assist you in your wanton destruction! These have only a limited amount of ammunition but are very powerful. These are fired using the B Button.

### Shield:

The shield provides Red Dog with a powerful defensive cover. Pressing and holding the X Button creates a wall impenetrable to enemy weapon fire. This wall can be moved around using the aiming crosshair to cover all angles around Red Dog. The shield can also reflect some laser and plasma weapons which means that, by angling the shield correctly, you can send the weapon fire straight back at the enemy who fired it.

### Speed Boost:

Extra speed when moving forward or reversing can be obtained by tapping then holding the relevant boost button. But be careful, over-use of the speed boost can overheat the engine core, making the vehicle more vulnerable to enemy fire.

### Strafe Mode:

Hold the L and R Triggers to switch into strafe mode. In this mode the vehicle will strafe left and right as the aiming is moved to the sides of the screen, allowing Red Dog to avoid enemy weapon fire. To return to normal movement release one or both of the triggers.

### Change Camera:

Press the D-Button up or down to switch between 3rd person and 1st person viewpoints.

# The Game Screen

### Standard Game Screen



### 1 Crosshair:

The targeting crosshair shows the current aim of both the Main Cannon and the Sidearm Weapon (if collected).

#### 2 Armor Level:

Red Dog's armor is reduced if you are hit by enemy fire or if you drive on hazardous surfaces. When the armor level reaches zero, Red Dog will be totally vulnerable and will explode if shot. The armor level bar also warns you if Red Dog's engine core is overheating. If Red Dog boosts for too long, the armor bar will start to flash white and the vehicle is more vulnerable to enemy weapon fire.

#### 3 Lives:

This shows the number of lives remaining on each mission. If you use up all of your lives, the mission is over!

#### 4 Shield Level:

The shield level is reduced as soon as the frontal shield is activated. When the shield is not being used the shield level recharges over time.

#### 5 Power Reservoir:

As you collect energy matter this bar shows how much energy is currently being stored.

## 6 Main Cannon Weapon Charge:

Once energy is transferred to the Main Cannon this bar shows the time remaining before the energy is used up and the weapon returns to normal power.

# 7 Sidearm Weapon Ammo:

This is the number of shots left in your Sidearm Weapon.

### 8 Score:

This is the total score on the current level.

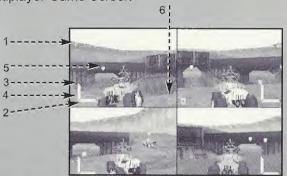
# Extra Game Screen Modes

Boss Life Gauge: This decreases as you damage the boss.

Countdown: This is displayed on time-critical missions indicating the time remaining in which to complete tasks

**Enemy Indicator:** This indicator highlights strategic targets or areas that Red Dog must reach on the current mission.

# Multiplayer Game Screen



- 1 Player Name
- 2 Armor: As single player game
- 3 Shield Level: As single player game
- 4 Sidearm Weapon icon and ammo: The current Sidearm Weapon (if one has been collected) and ammo remaining.
- 5 Player Tags: When a player is on your screen they will have a colored tag above their tank. (Note: A Bomb will replace this tag if a player is carrying the bomb in Bomb Tag, a Crown if they are King of the Hill or a flag if they have the flag in Flag Runner.)
- 6 Number of Kills / Lives / Time Remaining: This display is dependent on the current game mode. See Multiplayer Game Types.

# Main Menu

#### TITLE SCREEN

When the Title Screen appears, press the Start Button to display the Main Menu.

#### MAIN MENU

Press UP/DOWN on the D-Button to highlight the various options and press the A Button or the Start Button to confirm your selection:



#### New Game

If you have a VMU inserted this option will take you to the Create Red Dog Player Profile screen. If you do not have a VMU inserted, you will be taken straight to the Mission Select Screen but your progress throughout the game will not be saved.

#### Load Game

This option allows you to select your Red Dog profile and continue playing a previously saved game. Press UP/DOWN to highlight a game profile from the list of saved games profiles and press the A Button to confirm the selection. Once you have selected your profile you will be taken to the Mission Select Screen.

### Multiplayer

This option gives access to the multiplayer game. (This option is only available when multiple Controllers are inserted in the Control Ports.)

# Single Player Game

# Create Red Dog Player Profile

If a Visual Memory Unit (VMU) is inserted into the Controller, you will be asked to select a VMU on which to save the game data. If there are no free profiles, you can choose a profile to overwrite and enter your character name. The game can be played without a VMU inserted but your progress throughout the game will not be saved.

Press LEFT/RIGHT on the D-Button to change letters. Press UP/ DOWN to change the case. Press the A Button to select a letter. Press the B or X Button to delete a letter. Press the Start Button to continue.



Once you have chosen the VMU, you will be asked to enter your name:

Press UP/DOWN to highlight a selection.
Press A Button to confirm the selection.



This profile can be used for multiplayer games as well as for single player games. You will now be taken to the **Mission Select Screen** 



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Press UP/DOWN to highlight a selection Press the A Button to confirm the selection

#### Select Mission

Here you can select your next mission from the available missions.

### View RD Technology

This is where you can view the upgrades Red Dog has obtained during the game and select which Main Cannon to use (from those you have earned).

### Bonus Features

If you are good enough you may open up some Bonus Features.

These can be accessed from this menu.

### Controller Configuration

Select this option to view or change your controller configuration.

### Exit

Returns you to the Title Screen.

# Multiplayer

Note: This option is only available when multiple Controllers are inserted into the Control Ports.

When multiplayer is selected you are presented with the following options. Any other players wishing to join the multiplayer should press the Start Button on their Controllers now.

Just Play: Play without a profile. If you select this option you will be given a player number.

Select Profile: If the player selects a profile they will be referred to as this name for the duration of the game or tournament. Also, the player's individual options will be set as last selected.

**Create profile:** Create a new Red Dog player profile. This is done in the same way as the single player. This profile can be used for the single player game as well as the multiplayer.

Once the players for combat have been selected you are presented with 7 further options:

**Skirmish:** This is where all players fight against all other players in any of the available play modes.

Team: This is a team game where you can play 2 vs. 2, 2 vs. 1 or 3 vs. 1 on any of the available team game modes.

**Tournament:** This is a league between 2-4 players across each of the multiplayer game modes. The winner is the player with the most points at the end of the league. Points are awarded, dependent on the number of players, as follows:

# of players	2 Players	3 Players	4 Players
1st place	1 POINT	2 POINTS	3 POINTS
2nd place	0 POINTS	1 POINT	2 POINTS
3rd place	-	0 POINTS	1 POINT
4th place	-		0 POINTS

Tournaments can include any of the skirmish or team games in any order. Team games are only activated if there are four players in the tournament. If there are then teams will be picked at random 2 vs. 2. Otherwise the game will be a normal skirmish game.

In the case of a tie, players receive the same amount of points.

Player Options: This allows all players to select their individual player options such as tank color and controller configuration.

Player Statistics: View player statistics for each of the different game types.

Reselect Players: Return to player selection screen.

Exit Multiplayer: Return to the main menu.

#### Deathmatch

When a player kills another player they receive a point. The first player to reach the number of pre-set kills wins the game.

### Knockout

Each player starts the game with a pre-set number of lives. When a player gets killed they lose a life. When the player loses all of his/her lives they are removed permanently from the game. The last player left standing is the winner.

# Bomb Tag

One player, chosen at random, will have a bomb attached to their tank which will explode within a pre-set time limit. The only way that the player can pass the bomb on to another player is to drive into that player, which then passes the bomb to that vehicle. The person who has inherited the bomb then has to find another host before the time runs out and the bomb detonates and kills them. Another player is then chosen randomly to receive a new bomb and play continues until the last player left standing is the winner.

Player cannot be killed with weapon fire in this mode of play but shooting other tanks slows them down temporarily allowing you to catch them more easily.

In team mode the last team with any remaining players is the winner.

### Suicide Bomb Tag

This mode is the same as Bomb Tag except that in suicide mode there's only one tank that starts without a bomb!

In the team mode, it only takes one player in a team to touch one player in the other team for the bomb to be transferred from all tanks in one team to all tanks in the other.

#### Stealth Assassin

One player (chosen randomly) is the Stealth Assassin and is given a cloaking device. The cloaking device enables the Stealth Assassin to be almost invisible while not moving but their visibility goes up the faster they move. The Stealth Assassin also has a high power standard weapon and the Ultra Laser sidearm pickup as standard. The only drawback with the Stealth Assassin is they have very low armor.

Players will only be awarded a kill for kills made while they are the Stealth Assassin. Other players should try to kill the Stealth Assassin player because the player who does so will then become the Stealth Assassin. The winner is the first player to reach a pre-set number of kills.

In team mode, if one player on a team kills the Stealth Assassin then all players on his/her team become Stealth Assassins. Likewise if one player is killed as the Stealth Assassin then all players on his/her team lose their Stealth Assassin status.

### Flag Runner

The flag starts in the middle of the map. The aim of all players is to collect this flag and hold on to it. While a player has the flag their flag time will count down. However, if another player destroys him/her, then the flag is immediately transferred to the player who killed them. The winner is the first player who manages to hold onto the flag long enough to reduce his/her flag time to zero. This game can also be played by teams with each team having its own flag time, and the team-mate providing protection for the flag carrier.

If you're good enough you may open the following mode of play:

# King of the Hill

The goal is to get to the top of the hill and keep all other players off it for a duration of time. As you reach the top of the hill you are rewarded with full armor to try and defend yourself. While you are the only player on the hill your Hill Time counts down. The player who manages to remain in control of the Hill long enough to get the Hill Timer to zero wins the match.



Explosive Shell: A highly explosive projectile shell that will destroy everything within its blast radius (including you!). Once fired, the shell will explode upon contact with any object. Alternatively, it can be detonated remotely by pressing the B Button while it is in the air.



Electro Charge: This weapon fires a constant electric charge that jumps straight to any enemy within a close range in front of your vehicle.



Armor: Collecting these increases your overall armor level.



Homing Cannon: The bullets are much like the Main Cannon except they will lock on to any valid target in front of your vehicle, drastically increasing your accuracy.



Lock-on missiles: These are deadly heat-seeking missiles but they need time to acquire their target. If you see another player on your screen, simply hold the B Button down. If you can keep the other vehicle on your screen until the lock-on bar fills up, then the missile will launch.



Mines: These smart mines are deployed on the floor wherever the player presses the B Button. They will then detonate if any other player drives within a close proximity of them. However, you can drive over your own mines safely. Just remember where you put them!



Stealth Technology: The cloaking device enables the player to be almost invisible while not moving but their visibility goes up the faster they move.



Storming Shield: Produces a high intensity all-round shield that gives the player a time-limited period of invulnerability. During this time, you cannot shoot but the shield is completely deadly to the touch for all other players. Hold the B Button to get an extra speed boost.



Ultra Laser: Hold the B Button to charge the Ultra Laser and release it to fire. The more the weapon is charged the more damage it does. When the player charges up the laser fully, their vehicle stops and will not move again until the weapon is fired. In this mode, the player can use the accelerate and reverse buttons to zoom in or out. If the player scores a hit when the laser is fully charged, it will instantly destroy any other vehicle.



Vulcan Cannon: This is a rapid fire version of the Main Cannon.

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